

**WEBER COUNTY
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on or about April 18th, 2011, a large rainstorm caused flooding in the Upper Valley of Weber County affecting the Town of Huntsville and the communities of Eden and Liberty; and,

WHEREAS, the same storm also caused flooding in the Lower Weber River drainage affecting Uintah, Riverdale, West Haven, Marriott/Slaterville, Plain City and certain unincorporated areas of Weber County; and

WHEREAS, the storm released up to 2 inches of rain up to an elevation of 8,000 ft. This "rain on snow" event essentially created a six inch rain storm in some areas that overflowed the levees all along the Weber River; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, May 24, 2011, the rain storms have delayed the spring runoff and most if not all of the higher elevation snowpack has still not melted and the reservoirs (Causey, PineView, East Canyon, Lost Creek and Echo) are nearing capacity; and

WHEREAS, the storm also caused major damage to the Old Snow Basin Road in the amount of approximately \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Weber and South Fork Rivers are both above flood stage and are projected to stay at or above flood stage through the near future and will impact over 40 homes and over 50 businesses with an economic impact of up to \$90,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the levees along the Weber have been compromised by the high flows and have been damaged and are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the county has sandbagged numerous homes and businesses over the past month, taken emergency bank stabilization actions, and supported the various cities within Weber County to assist them in their emergency actions, but does not have the resources or the jurisdictional authority to implement all of the emergency strategies necessary to respond to the disaster;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated §63K-4-301 et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County does hereby declare a local emergency and requests assistance from the State of Utah to assist Weber County in:

- 1) Breaching the Ogden Bay Refuge Levee at the Middle Run gate and create a 150 foot wide opening for the Weber River to empty into the Great Salt Lake;
- 2) Dredging the Weber River of over 450,000 cubic yards of silt from the Ogden Bay Refuge Levee to 4700 West;

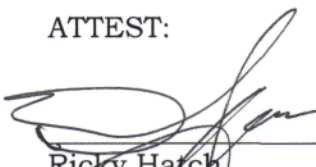
- 3) Rip Rapping of the damaged river banks due to the high runoff;
- 4) Providing emergency LIDAR of the Little Weber Diversionary channel in northwestern Weber County and the eventual construct of the diversionary outlet based upon the digital elevation models. This would include .5 meter postings with 6 inch elevations, easement procurement and other necessary planning elements necessary to build the diversion; and
- 5) Assist in the stabilization and repair of the Old Snow Basin Road.


DATED this 24th day of May, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WEBER COUNTY

By Jan M. Zogmaister
Jan M. Zogmaister, Chair

ATTEST:



Ricky Hatch
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

DOUGLAS S. LARSEN
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK